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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH ALEKSANDER YANKOV, CHAIRMAN OF THIRD
COMMITTEE, LOS CONFERENCE AND BULGARIAN PERMREP TO UN

REF: A) SOFIA 1401; B) STATE 180973

1. HAD GOOD CONVERSATION WITH YANKOV JULY 22 COVERING MAJOR
UN ISSUES WITH EMPHASIS ON PUERTO RICO AND KOREA. ALSO RE-
VIEWED WITH HIM US POSITION ON LOS AND ESPECIALLY MARINE POLLU-
TION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON THESE LOS
ISSUES MAY BE OF INTEREST.

2. RE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH YANKOV SAID HE FEARED US POSITION
NOT SALEABLE. EVEN HIS OWN DRAFT, HE SAID, HAD COME UNDER
DAMAGING CRITICISM NOT ONLY FROM THIRD WORLD REPS BUT ALSO FROM
A CANADIAN SCIENTIST WHOSE CITING OF CONCRETE EXAMPLES HAD HAD
TELLING EFFECT ON OTHER DELEGATIONS. IT WAS ALSO UNFORTUNATE THAT
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WHILE USSR AND US HAD SAID THEY WOULD PROVIDE LIST OF

CRITERIA WHEREBY PURE RESEARCH COULD BE DISTINGUISHED FROM RESOURCE-ORIENTED RESEARCH, NO SUCH CRITERIA WERE FURNISHED, ONLY EXAMPLES WHICH WERE OPEN TO REBUTTAL THAT SUCH RESEARCH COULD STILL ENTAIL UNILATERAL ECONOMIC OR OTHER ADVANTAGE.

3. YANKOV DESCRIBED THE FORMULA THAT HE HAD DEVELOPED WITH MEXICO AS "MIDDLE OF THE ROAD" BUT EXPRESSED FEAR THAT EVEN IT WOULD BE DEFEATED. HIS FORMULA (REQUIRING CONSENT OF THE COASTAL STATE BUT STATING THAT SUCH CONSENT COULD NOT BE DENIED UNLESS THE RESEARCH INVOLVED EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF BIOLOGICAL OR MINERAL RESOURCES, OR INVOLVED EXPLOSIONS, OR INTERFERENCE WITH ACTIVITIES OF COASTAL STATES) HAD A BETTER CHANCE OF ACCEPTANCE, HE SAID, AND ALSO HAD ADVANTAGES OVER WHAT THE US PROPOSED BECAUSE OUR FORMULA IF ACCEPTED WOULD INVOLVE INVOCATION OF TIME CONSUMING DISPUTE SETTLEMENT PROCEDURE IN TOO MANY CASES.

4. YANKOV SAID NEVERTHELESS HE WOULD BE DELIGHTED IF US COULD PERSUADE OTHER DELEGATIONS AND "WOULD BE HAPPY TO PUT OUR POSITION ON PAPER" IF THERE IS SUFFICIENT SUPPORT FOR IT. HE DESCRIBED BULGARIAN POSITION AS "ALMOST IDENTICAL" WITH THAT OF USSR AND THE LATTER AS "CHANGED" OVER WHAT IT HAD BEEN EARLIER SINCE USSR IS NOW WILLING TO COMPROMISE ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AS PART OF PACKAGE GIVING IT (AND US) WHAT IT WANTS ON STRAITS, ACCESS TO ECONOMIC ZONE AND GREATER FLAG STATE JURISDICTION WITH REGARD TO POLLUTION CONTROL. AT SAME TIME YANKOV MADE IT CLEAR THAT AS REP OF BULGARIA HE WAS ARGUING WITH LDC'S THAT THEIR POSITION WAS DISADVANTAGEOUS TO THEMSELVES BECAUSE "US AND USSR HAVE ENOUGH COAST LINE" AND LDC'S WOULD WIND UP NOT KNOWING WHAT WAS OFF THEIR COASTS.

5. PROBABLY LITTLE OF FOREGOING IS NEW. AT ANY RATE YANKOV CLAIMS TO BE PREPARED TO BE HELPFUL TO US IF WE CAN DEMONSTRATE GROWING SUPPORT FOR OUR POSITION; BUT APPARENTLY HE IS UNDER NO PRESSURE FROM USSR TO DEPART FROM WHAT HE TERMS HIS "MIDDLE OF THE ROAD" LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POSITION AS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN.
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